

Townsend Miller is a senior from Lexington, KY, and is the corporate relations chair. Townsend's role with DanceBlue this year involves maintaining relationships with corporate sponsors of DanceBlue, and he is the representative of DanceBlue to local and national businesses.

Colin Wheeler is from Bowling Green, KY, and serves as the marketing chair for DanceBlue. Colin's work on public relations, press releases, press kits and promotional materials is one of the main reasons why the organization and 24-hour dance marathon is such a big success.

Tyler Bolin is a senior from Owensboro, KY, and serves as the special events chair. Tyler has worked hard throughout the entire year planning events that help build up to the dance marathon. His hard work and motivation are truly an inspiration to all who meet him.

I am grateful that these students serve the people of the Commonwealth. I am confident that the children, families, and students whose lives they touch are all thankful for the opportunity to know them. The money that is raised through DanceBlue helps patients receive better care while improving the lives of children and their families suffering from childhood cancer. The funds are also going directly to pediatric cancer research initiatives that are helping to find a cure.

Mr. President, I would like to thank these individuals for their contributions to the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the University of Kentucky, and the Lexington community. I wish them well in all their future endeavors.●

HONORING NEW ENGLAND CASTINGS, LLC

● Ms. SNOWE. Mr. President, the manufacturing sector of our Nation's economy is facing incredible hardships that are only amplified by the global economic downturn. In fact, Maine's manufacturing industry has shed an alarming 23,600 jobs in the past 10 years, which represents nearly 30 percent of the State's manufacturing employment. Despite these challenges, some manufacturers, like New England Castings, the company I rise today to recognize, have been able to adapt, expand, and succeed.

Founded in 1985, New England Castings is an investment casting foundry located in the western Maine town of Hiram. Considered the most ancient form of metal casting, investment casting allows the firm to specialize in producing specific castings that many conventional shops often find too difficult or intricate to fill. New England Castings prides itself on the timely creation of prototypes for customers to review, allowing it to produce customers' orders in a shorter timeframe. The firm was certified as a historically underutilized business zone, or HUBZone, business in 2002, allowing it access to a wide variety of Federal contracting op-

portunities. The HUBZone program, managed by the Small Business Administration, assists small firms in rural and disadvantaged areas in attracting contracts to benefit their businesses and grow their companies.

Castings, which are the solidified materials made after pouring a liquid into a mold, have a number of practical uses, and New England Castings' work is easily suited to supply a number of diverse industries. From medical and dental instruments to gas turbine components, New England Castings' products run the gamut from small to large, slim to heavy. For instance, New England Castings can provide sturdy turbine powered tank combustor cover assemblies for Abrams M1 tanks, or more delicate window latches or sconces for architects seeking to beautify their buildings. The company's more innovative pieces can be seen at Carnegie Hall in New York City and the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History in Washington, DC.

Although times are difficult for most small businesses, manufacturers have been hit particularly hard by a confluence of challenges, including foreign competition, finding skilled workers, and rising energy costs. But to remain competitive, New England Castings had to transform the way it operated, and followed through by improving its practices and becoming a leaner company with increased productivity.

Seeking to secure a major contract to supply components to a railroad hardware manufacturer, New England Castings' president and owner, Walter Butler, decided that his company needed to become more efficient to earn the contract. After working with the Maine manufacturing extension partnership, MEP, a public-private partnership that assists small and medium manufacturers, New England Castings was able to double its sales, maximize the productivity of its workspace, and add 13 new employees.

As cochair of the Senate Task Force on Manufacturing, it is heartening to see small manufacturers like New England Castings utilize the tremendous resources that the MEP has to offer, and I am certain that the company will continue to benefit for years to come from the training and advice it has received. I congratulate Walter Butler and everyone at New England Castings for their dedication to creating quality products, and extend my best wishes for a productive and successful year.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations

which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

REPORT ON THE CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY THAT WAS DECLARED ON MARCH 15, 1995, WITH RESPECT TO IRAN—PM 12

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent the enclosed notice to the *Federal Register* for publication, stating that the Iran emergency declared on March 15, 1995, is to continue in effect beyond March 15, 2009.

The crisis between the United States and Iran resulting from the actions and policies of the Government of Iran that led to the declaration of a national emergency on March 15, 1995, has not been resolved. The actions and policies of the Government of Iran are contrary to the interests of the United States in the region and pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared with respect to Iran and maintain in force comprehensive sanctions against Iran to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 11, 2009.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 11:03 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

H.R. 1105. An act making omnibus appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2009, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

At 2:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the

following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 813. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 837. An act to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building".

H.R. 842. An act to designate the United States Courthouse to be constructed in Jackson, Mississippi, as the "R. Jess Brown United States Courthouse".

H.R. 869. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 101 Barr Street in Lexington, Kentucky, as the "Scott Reed Federal Building and United States Courthouse".

H.R. 887. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach United States Courthouse".

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 37. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the Greater Washington Soap Box Derby.

H. Con. Res. 39. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2702, the Clerk of the House reappoints the following member on the part of the House of Representatives to the Advisory Committee on the Records of Congress: Mr. Bernard Forrester of Houston, Texas.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 813. An act to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 306 East Main Street in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, as the "J. Herbert W. Small Federal Building and United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 837. An act to designate the Federal building located at 799 United Nations Plaza in New York, New York, as the "Ronald H. Brown United States Mission to the United Nations Building"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

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H.R. 887. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 131 East 4th Street in Davenport, Iowa, as the "James A. Leach United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1106. An act to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 39. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the District of Columbia Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 570. A bill to stimulate the economy and create jobs at no cost to the taxpayers, and without borrowing money from foreign governments for which our children and grandchildren will be responsible, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-942. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, monoester with 1,2-propanediol, polymer with a-[4-(ethenyloxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediyl) and 2,5-furandione; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL-8396-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-943. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, 2-hydroxyethyl ester, polymer with a-[4-(ethenyloxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediyl); Tolerance Exemption" (FRL-8396-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-944. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, polymer with a-[4-(ethenyloxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediyl), sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL-8397-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-945. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, polymer with a-[4-(ethenyloxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediyl) and 1,2-propanediol mono-2-propenoate, potassium sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL-8396-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-946. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic acid, polymer with a-[4-(ethenyloxy) butyl]-w-hydroxypoly (oxy-1,2-ethanediyl) and 2,5-furandione, sodium salt; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL-8396-8) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-947. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Envi-

ronmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Bacillus Mycoides Isolate J; Temporary Exemption From the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL-8400-2) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-948. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Benfluralin, Carbaryl, Diazinon, Dicrotophos, Fluometruon, Formetanate Hydrochloride, Glyphosate, Metolachlor, Napropamide, Norflurazon, Pyrazon, and Tau-Fluvalinate; Technical Amendment" (FRL-8402-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-949. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorimuron-ethyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8402-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-950. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Stratospheric Ozone: Record-keeping and Reporting Requirements for the Import of Halon-1301 Aircraft Fire Extinguishing Vessels" (FRL-8779-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-951. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Update for Weighted Average Interest Rates, Yield Curves, and Segment Rates" (Notice 2009-20) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 10, 2009; to the Committee on Finance.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petition or memorial was laid before the Senate and was referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-10. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky urging the 111th United States Congress to enact a federal Menu Education and Labeling (Meal) Act; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 76

Whereas, research continues to reveal the strong link between diet and health, and that diet-related diseases start early in life; and

Whereas, increased caloric intake is a key factor contributing to the alarming increase in obesity in the United States. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, two-thirds of American adults are overweight or obese, and the rates of obesity have tripled in children and teens since 1980. Obesity increases the risk of diabetes, heart disease, stroke, and other health problems. Each year obesity costs families, businesses, and governments \$117 billion; and

Whereas, over the past two decades, there has been a significant increase in the numbers of meals prepared and consumed outside of the home, with an estimated one-third of calories and almost 46 percent of total food dollars being spent on food purchased from and consumed at restaurants and other food-service establishments; and